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Executive Order 12333, Section 1.5, assigns duties and responsibilities to the DCI, including:

"g Ensure the establishment by the Intelligence Community of common security and access standards for managing and handling foreign intelligence systems, information, and products;

h Ensure that programs are developed which protect intelligence sources, methods, and analytical procedures;"

Section 1.6 charges the heads of executive branch departments and agencies to:

"e Protect intelligence and intelligence sources and methods from unauthorized disclosure consistent with guidance from the DCI."

There are two major jobs to be done. One, control access to systems and products. Two, protect sources and methods.

Leaving to one side the issue of whether the DCI will ever have the authority to carry out his responsibilities, the question is the role of the Security Committee and how to state it in a way which will make sense to the layman as well as the security experts. I qualify as a layman.

I suggest that we have complicated efforts to understand the role the role of the Security Committee by linking its how-to manuals to a series of complicated directives.

First, why can't we follow the precedents set by other committees and issue the manuals separately? We can cite the fact that they flow from the enabling DCID, but I see no advantage in hooking them onto the DCID's. The only guys who take up more space than you do are the DCID 1/2'ers. I'm working on that, too.

Second, to take an extreme view, I suggest that you need a maximum of two short DCID's. One to give guidance on access; another to give guidance on protection.

While we await clarification on leaks, I am prepared to take the existing DCID's and draft a couple of new ones for your consideration.

I will go no further until you have hoisted the foregoing aboard--or thrown it in the wastebasket.

See you Tuesday.

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